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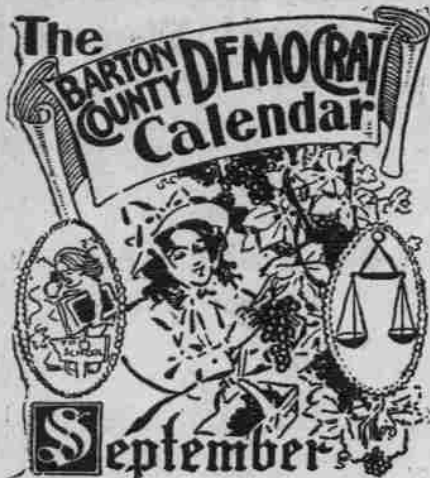
# BARTON COUNTY DEMOCRAT.

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THE "DEMOCRAT" NEXT WEEK WILL COME OUT AS AN ALL HOME PRINT NEWSPAPER.



## COMING EVENTS.

OCTOBER 1-5.—State fair at Wichita.  
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SEPTEMBER 7.—Picnic of Modern Woodmen at Great Bend.  
AUGUST 28th and 29th.—Soldiers' reunion at Rush Center.

## Alert and Progressive.

This paper now prints twelve more columns of reading matter than any paper in Great Bend. It gives from 50 to 75 per cent. more local news than other paper in the city, and gives the news while it is news—before it becomes history.

Beginning next week the DEMOCRAT will be an all home print paper and the only one in the county. We shall strive to make it one of the best local newspapers in Kansas when we get down to business.

The corn crop is not pop corn.

Watermelons are a drug on the market.

Rev. Davis is back from his summer lay-off.

A. R. Moss went east yesterday on business.

Miss Florence Pool is breaking in a new bicycle.

Miss Ada Eppstein is visiting relatives in Emporia.

John C. Miller of the south side was in town Saturday.

Bargains in bicycles at H. F. Myers' novelty repair shop.

Mojonier, the photographer, is now located at Ellinwood.

Mrs. J. H. Jackson, reported ill last week, is convalescing.

Wirt and Ora Dawson went up to Jetmore Friday on business.

Miss Etta Jennison of Iowa is visiting her brother, J. H. Jennison.

Eighty-seven teachers took the examination on Friday and Saturday.

Services next Saturday and Sunday at the Dunkard church near Seward.

Prof. N. F. Daum is home from conducting the normal in Meade county.

Prof. E. B. Smith is back from Ashland, where he conducted the normal.

Tom Reynolds arrived in New York last Saturday from a tour of Europe.

C. A. Swartz will soon occupy the C. A. Moses property, west Forest avenue.

Mrs. W. B. Grimes and daughter, Grace, left Saturday for St. Louis on a few weeks visit.

J. D. Reiter of Kansas City is the new barber at Will Shockey's and an expert workman.

Gus Schaffer, who saw the Blues play ball at Kansas City last week, is of the opinion that we can outclass them.

The A. M. E. Sunday school had a picnic at Vancil's grove last Thursday. Watermelons were served—roughly.

The rank vegetation produced by the copious rains of the past two months is bound to produce a big crop of sickness.

Now that normal has closed, Great Bend seems lonesome.

Tall men will have the preference for corn huskers this fall.

The Woodmen now meet regularly every Monday evening.

O. J. Corbett of Emporia is visiting his brother, Edgar, this week.

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Mrs. John Lightbody leaves this week for her new home in Clinton, Mo.

Grant Fordyce of the railway mail service is spending his vacation in this city.

A. L. Hager is up from Cherryvale. He will move his family to that place soon.

Mrs. Zell Humphrey of Garden City is the guest of J. K. Humphrey and family.

Mrs. Samuel Penna is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Tom Harper, near Heizer.

The usual preaching services will be held at the Presbyterian church next Sunday.

The friends of little Laura Decker gave her a surprise party Saturday afternoon.

A fine baby girl came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ad Purcell last Thursday.

Mrs. Maud Hartman of the south side came home from her Denver visit yesterday.

There were in attendance at the normal, which closed on Thursday, 118 students.

Jonce Byers tells us he has no idea of leaving Barton county to reside, as was reported.

Mrs. Kittie Tracy and two sons of Topeka stopped off on their way to Denver Friday.

Willis Bolinger is in Iowa and Delbert Stryker is holding his job at the Lundblade store.

Elbert Seward, Fenger's popular barber, now occupies the John Alefs property, east side.

Harry Diffenbacher passed through Saturday, enroute to Clinton, Mo., from Cascade, Colo.

Theo Griffith, Bob Brown and J. S. McCracken left Monday for an overland trip to Colorado.

Jim Savage and sister returned Saturday from a pleasant visit with their brother at Humboldt, Kan.

Miss Alice Reynolds came home from Syracuse Saturday, where she was an instructor in the county normal.

John Barth, Claffin's rustling business man, was in the city Tuesday, accompanied by his two daughters.

Mrs. Lillie, formerly Miss Rearick, was up from Dodge City last week visiting her sister, Mrs. Frank Seeber.

Preston McGuigan, representing the St. Joseph Hosiery company, of St. Joe, Mich., visited last Friday with Bruce Jones and family.

Charley Presl, the barber, left on Wednesday for New York city to visit his parents, whom he has not seen for nearly twenty years.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church served refreshments upon the beautiful lawn at S. J. Shaw's residence last Wednesday evening.

Word was received here last Thursday of the death of Mrs. Lou Rickards, sister of Mrs. O. J. Richards, at her home in Beatrice, Neb.

Will Brands, who has lived on the Diffenbacher place, northwest of town, for several years, left yesterday overland for Topeka with his family.

John Howard, whose house in Eureka township was damaged by lightning a few weeks ago, has had the loss adjusted by the insurance company.

Dr. Blanke received a telegram from Garden City Monday announcing the death of his mother, at the age of 75 years, and left at once for that place.

Ed McNoun has rented the room formerly occupied by Tom Clayton and will occupy it with his meat market today.

Finn Likes is to remain in Great Bend for awhile, his situation in the Osawatimie railroad shops being in statu quo.

Mr. and Mrs. Slutestoger stopped off a few days last week with the Misses Brinkman, enroute home to Iowa from Colorado.

At the DEMOCRAT office you will find the proper style and size of cards for gentlemen and for married and unmarried ladies.

County Superintendent McKinney requests that all school boards send in at once their notification of contracts with teachers.

Ellsworth Wyman, who lives on the Dry Walnut over in Rush county, was here on business Saturday. Crops are good up there.

Judge McCorkle last week issued a marriage license to Phillip A. Kemp, age 47, and Miss Eva Williams, age 33, both of this city.

A total eclipse of the moon occurs next Tuesday evening, September 3, at 11 o'clock. Star gazing swains should not overlook this.

The Hooper Drug company will occupy the Klein building after the first of the month. The room is being put in first class order.

Miss Laura Humphrey returned last Friday from her summer outing in Colorado. Miss Ota stopped at Garden City for a visit.

Heavy dews seem to be in order now. They begin falling before sundown and are so heavy that the grass remains wet until late in the day.

Correspondents will confer a favor by dropping into the office when in town and getting a supply of paper, envelopes and stamps.

Nick Tucker of Odin, who was mentioned in these columns last week as having a finger mashed, had to have the member amputated.

Farmers, bring in samples of your products. We want to ornament our sanctum with them and show strangers what we can do here.

Will Brady, who has lately accepted a position as fireman at the Walnut Creek mills, will soon move his family here from Pawnee Rock.

The annual love feast of the Dunkards will be held at their church, twelve miles northwest of Great Bend on the first Saturday in October.

The many friends of Mrs. O. H. Knight will be glad to learn that she was not in the Gurney hotel at Denver at the time of the explosion.

Milton McGreevy left last Thursday for Atlanta, Ga., to resume work for the Daily Constitution, after a pleasant visit with his parents at Dundee.

Judge Cole went to Topeka yesterday morning, accompanied by Herbert and Eva Clayton, children of James Clayton, who have been visiting here.

W. H. Dodge is to return to Great Bend to live. Mr. Dodge was in business here for years and owns fine residence property on West Broadway.

John Coss' steam thrasher was badly disabled in pulling out of a mud hole near Heizer last week and is laying at Fred Witte's shop in Heizer for repairs.

Messrs. Marx, Kelley, Rehn and Shaw, with their wives, and Misses Vida Shaw and Flora Oliverson spent Sunday with Robert Merton's in the country.

Mrs. A. H. Gilson died at her home in this city on Monday, after a short illness, aged 72 years. The funeral services were held on Tuesday morning at the family residence.

Mrs. Max Shafer and son, Master Lee, left Saturday morning for Winter-set, Ia., in response to a telegram announcing the serious illness of Mrs. C. T. McCaughey, Mrs. Shafer's mother.

Mrs. Merritt on Monday entertained a number of lady friends at tea, in honor of her neighbor, Mrs. J. C. Evans, who was about to leave for Kansas City.

John C. Evans and family, who are to leave for Kansas City today to take up a permanent residence, came to this city in 1874. We are sorry to see such estimable people leave us.

Joel Miller, the ex-county treasurer of Stafford county, was up from "Egypt" (the land where they always raise corn) Saturday. He is as strong a pop as ever, but a good citizen just the same.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will give a fruit social to-morrow evening. A short program will be rendered and an admission fee of 10 cents will be charged, including refreshments and entertainment.

W. A. Habiger of near Odin dropped in last Thursday for a chat. The farmers in his locality are feeling good over corn prospects and many have considerable wheat, his going about 9 bushels per acre.

Dr. Titterton of Burrton, formerly located at Albert, was initiated by the K. of P. boys at Pawnee Rock Saturday night. The boys had been laying for Dock a long time and we shudder to think of his ordeal.

Ed G. McNoun would be pleased to serve all his old customers and many new ones at his new stand, three doors west of his former location, on Forest avenue. Only the very best of fresh and salt meats at all times.

The W. D. Gould & Co. auction sales the past week have been well attended and the public have been given advantage of some great bargains. Mr. Gould says the sales have exceeded his most sanguine expectations.

Man's most faithful friend is the horse and long association renders dissolution melancholy. Captain John F. Lewis' old horse "Ben" died last Monday at the ripe (horse) age of 32 years. The captain brought him here early in the 70's.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Morgan left on Wednesday of last week for Boston and the Masonic conclave. Later they will visit old friends and view old scenes at various points in Ohio. They will not return here until about the holidays.

D. B. Unruh, administrator of the estate of his father, Benjamin D. Unruh, sold the personal property of the estate at public auction on the 21st inst. A large crowd was in attendance and all the property was disposed of at a fair price.

Nick Lichter of the Olmitz neighborhood is one farmer who has no kick against Kansas. He had a smile a foot broad last Thursday while he told us of 1010 bushels of wheat off of 60 acres that grades No. 2 and the corn that will go 20 bushels per acre.

It is hoped the Ellinwood clerks will pull themselves together so as to give the Great Bend clerks a return game sometime this year—time is flying, and as Bill Meisner, a former prominent Ellinwood man used to say, "we are liable to die any minute." Let us have that return game.

Mrs. E. L. Hotchkiss received the sad intelligence on Tuesday of the death of her sister, Mrs. Wynn, at Jamesport, Mo. On account of ill health Mrs. Hotchkiss was unable to attend the funeral. Mrs. Wynn visited here last summer, and is known to a great many of our people.

Garden City Sentinel: Zell Humphrey has purchased a patent portable bake oven. He intends to take it from here to Rocky Ford, Colo., and start in business there. The oven is arranged upon a very ingenious and simple plan.

On Saturday night the friends of Miss Alda Borders gathered at the residence of Col. Mims and passed a very pleasant evening. Miss Borders left the next day and the party was gotten up as an expression of the good will and appreciation of her merits and social qualities by her many friends.

## Meyer-Wilcek.

A pretty home wedding was celebrated on Sunday, August 25, 1895, at the elegant home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Samuels in this city, it being the consummation of the nuptials of Miss Bettie Wilcek, niece of Mrs. Samuels, and Mr. Ben J. Meyer of Claffin.

Promptly at 1 o'clock, to the inspiring strains of a wedding march performed by Miss Rose Krouch of Larned, the bride and groom entered the parlors, where they were united in the holy bonds by Judge Elrick C. Cole in an impressive manner. The wedding dinner was then partaken of by the intimate friends and relatives present, the table fairly groaning under the elegant cuisine, handsomely decorated with flowers. The happy couple and bridal party left in carriages at 4 o'clock for Claffin, their future home.

Mr. Meyer came here about four months ago from St. Louis and is an energetic business man, now at the head of the large general merchandising business of B. J. Meyer & Co. at Claffin.

Miss Wilcek has made her home with her aunt, Mrs. Samuels, for the past five years and is a young lady of refinement and accomplishments that have endeared her to a large circle of friends, who join with the DEMOCRAT in wishing long life, happiness and prosperity.

Senator John Armstrong brought in to our sanctum on Tuesday a gentle reminder of what the soil down at the Hutchinson reformatory is doing. It was two ears of corn, each over twelve inches long, with sixteen rows and sixty grains to the row—almost 1,000 grains to the ear. There are 310 acres fully as fine that will go seventy-five bushels per acre and some that will go 100 bushels per acre. The land lays between Cow creek and the Arkansas river. All the fruits of the earth are there in abundance; there are 700 tomato plants loaded down and 27,000 sweet potato. W. Y. Armstrong, the senator's brother, who has charge of the farm, seems to be the right man in the right place.

Baseball notes in McPherson Democrat: One of the finest games ever played on the home diamond was that played Wednesday between Great Bend and the newly organized McPherson team. The game was hotly contested from first to finish and resulted in the defeat of the home team by a score of 4 to 5 in a ten inning game. The second game between the same teams was played yesterday and resulted in another defeat for the home team by a score of 6 to 4. The game Wednesday was the best ever played in McPherson. For fool luck the Benders take the cake. Jimmie McMullen is the "mascot" for Great Bend. Telescope Keizer played first base in his old form—always there. Frame of the visitors was "incorporated" around second.

Speaking of the recent trip of their ball team the Minneapolis Messenger says: "With the exception of Ellsworth, every town visited gave the Stanfords the best treatment possible. At Ellsworth the treatment of the Stanfords by the citizens and the home team was disgraceful and should forever bar a respectable team from playing in that town. Hoodlums came down on the base lines and threw clods of dirt and stones at the umpire and players and directed the most abusive and foul language to the Stanfords, and in the evening a citizen of Ellsworth came to one of the Stanfords and told him that there was an attempt being made to organize a mob and egg them. It was a disgrace to the town. No honest team who has any self respect should cross bats with the Ellsworth team."

An advertisement in the DEMOCRAT will reach more people than any two other papers in the city. A wise business man will take note of this fact.

Bargains in bicycles at H. F. Myers' novelty repair shop 3122